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To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration
of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2011

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment
of Lions Clubs International.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lions Clubs Inter-
5 national Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Lions Clubs International is the world’s
9 largest service club organization founded in 1917 by

1 Chicago business leader Melvin Jones. Lions Clubs
2 International empowers volunteers to serve their
3 communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage
4 peace and promote international understanding
5 through Lions clubs.

6 (2) Today, Lions Clubs International has over
7 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs
8 globally, extending its mission of service throughout
9 the world every day.

10 (3) In 1945, Lions Clubs International became
11 one of the first nongovernmental organizations in-
12 vited to assist in drafting the United Nations Char-
13 ter and has enjoyed a special relationship with the
14 United Nations ever since.

15 (4) In 1968, Lions Clubs International Founda-
16 tion was established to assist with global and large-
17 scale local humanitarian projects and has since then
18 awarded more than \$700 million to fund five unique
19 areas of service: preserving sight, combating dis-
20 ability, promoting health, serving youth and pro-
21 viding disaster relief.

22 (5) In 1990, the Lions Clubs International
23 Foundation launched the SightFirst program to
24 build comprehensive eye care systems to fight the
25 major causes of blindness and care for the blind or

1 visually impaired. Thanks to the generosity of Lions
 2 worldwide, over \$415 million has been raised, result-
 3 ing in the prevention of serious vision loss in 30 mil-
 4 lion people and improved eye care for hundreds of
 5 millions of people.

6 (6) On June 7, 2017, Lions Clubs International
 7 will celebrate 100 years of community service to
 8 men, women, and children in need throughout the
 9 world.

10 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

11 (a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
 12 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
 13 shall mint and issue not more than 400,000 \$1 coins in
 14 commemoration of the centennial of the founding of the
 15 Lions Clubs International, each of which shall—

16 (1) weigh 26.73 grams;

17 (2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

18 (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent
 19 copper.

20 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
 21 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
 22 title 31, United States Code.

23 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
 24 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

1 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
 2 matic items.

3 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

4 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
 6 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
 7 centennial of the Lions Clubs International.

8 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
 9 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

10 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

11 (B) an inscription of the year “2017”; and

12 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
 13 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
 14 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

15 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
 16 under this Act shall be—

17 (1) chosen by the Secretary after consultation
 18 with Lions Clubs International Special Centennial
 19 Planning Committee and the Commission of Fine
 20 Arts; and

21 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
 22 Committee.

23 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

24 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
 25 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

1 (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one facility of the United
2 States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality
3 of the coins minted under this Act.

4 (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
5 issue coins under this Act only during the calendar year
6 beginning on January 1, 2017.

7 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

8 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
9 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
10 of—

11 (1) the face value of the coins;

12 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7 with re-
13 spect to such coins; and

14 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
15 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
16 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

17 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
18 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
19 discount.

20 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
22 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
23 before the issuance of such coins.

1 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
2 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
3 sonable discount.

4 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins issued under this
6 Act shall include a surcharge of \$10 per coin.

7 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
8 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by
9 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act
10 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Lions Clubs
11 International Foundation for the purposes of—

12 (1) furthering its programs for the blind and
13 visually impaired in the United States and abroad;

14 (2) investing in adaptive technologies for the
15 disabled; and

16 (3) investing in youth and those affected by a
17 major disaster.

18 (c) AUDITS.—The Comptroller General of the United
19 States shall have the right to examine such books, records,
20 documents, and other data of the Lions Clubs Inter-
21 national Foundation as may be related to the expenditures
22 of amounts paid under subsection (b).

23 (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
24 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
25 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as

1 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
2 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-
3 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2
4 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
5 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code. The
6 Secretary may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

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